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Officers installed Jan. 2, 1942, to serve for 1942.

President - LeRoy T. Waggoner W9YMY Vice Pres. - Nelson Trusler W9FOS
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Director - Robert E. Ceskey W9DNQ

This issue of Amacnewer coming off the press late indicates that the above men, all of them licensed, have been installed in their offices. This installation was conducted by M.C. Willoughby.

COMMITTEES

The following committees have been named by the incoming president LeRoy T. Waggoner, W9YMY.

Program Committee - N. B. Trusler W9FOS
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Transmitter Committee - Fred Manning W9VFN and Wm. F. Lueth W9DSC

PROGRAMS

Jan. 2nd - Officers installed by Willoughby. Club was addressed by Ensign Sayle who pinched for Commander R. H. G. Mathews concerning enlistment of men into the naval reserve as Radiomen. (Commander Mathews expressed his regrets to the club secretary for not being able to come out to the club and sent his regards to all.)

Jan. 8th - Directors meeting at the club rooms 8:00pm. Defense Committee meeting to meet concurrent with directors meeting.

Jan. 9th - Gene Larcott, W9DSD, of RCA Mfg. Co. will talk on "Sound in Motion Pictures". You will remember Gene by his address on lens coating.

Jan. 16th - Regular business meeting of the club.

Jan. 23rd - ????????????????

Jan. 30th - ??????????????????

PAST PROGRAMS

Clair Could was scheduled for Dec. 12th for a UHF demonstration and talk but because of the curtailment order he sidetracked the demonstration and gave a very FB talk on the wave propagation of the UHF's.

Dec. 20th was planned for a Christmas party but was changed to the 21st to include a pitchin dinner. Notices of the change were sent out and resulted in 39 people parking their sains under the tables. After the dinner contests were held with prizes for the woman, child and men showing the best score.

Entertainment including songs and pieces by the Manning children, music and noise by Art Schultz and Trusler, dinning in I call's it.

Recordings of the voices of many of those attending were made and reproduced. Popcorn and candy was available everywhere and no one seemed to lack teeth. The grand finale came with the gift exchange.

NEW MEMBERS

The recent curtailment of our activities has resulted in the fellows turning to personal visitations with those with whom he has enjoyed other borne conversations.

To further this and suggest a meeting place the past President and the editor prepared a mailing and sent it to all known hams in Marion County, urging them to join the club for the common benefits that could be gained. The following new members indicate that there are many who do recognize the mutual benefits that can occur from such an association. This that we might continue our interests as amateurs and enable us to offer our organized services in communication nets for defense and emergencies.

Wilbur Keaton W9AUN (Non-res) A. H. Wallman W9VJM
L. Edgar McNay Ex W9ESU (former club member) Ora Dillard NC
Winfred B. Clark W9 (Former club member)

To these men we extend our congratulations and may we add that we now expect them to pitch in with their ideas, brain, and brawn to accomplish the jobs before us. Welcome fellows.

CODE SCHOOL AND LICENSES

In talking with our code instructor Art Schultz we were told that the reaction to the announcement that the hams were off the air was one of fear of the code school class being discontinued. These fears are of course groundless because the code class will continue as usual. Art states that the class has now learned all the characters and are concentrating on getting up some speed. Club members wanting to get their speed up may drop in and participate according to Schultz.

Another statement reaches us to the effect that ham licenses will continue to be issued as in the past. This means that the code school graduates may take the examination as usual and get their licenses which may be used when the present war is terminated. It is well that we get this word around so that those who have been planning for a trip to the RI will not let it slide. Schedules will be announced in QST as to examination dates. It is to be expected that a still longer period of time between the test and actual issuing of license will elapse, but this of course will be a small matter inasmuch as the call cannot be used until the all clear signal is given.

DC

Nelson Trusler as Marion County Defense Coordinator has named the following committee to assist.
 Wm. F. Lueth, Jr. W9DSC, Fred Manning, W9 VPN, Chas. E. Campbell W9UEM, Robert K. Caskey, W9DNQ, Paul Nelson, W9BHC.
 These members have contacted hams registered in the A.E.C. and tabulated the equipment, working hours, availability, etc. This information is in the hands of Trusler who is getting it in a form to be presented to the Marion County Defense Board the 10th. This will probably start the wheels turning in Marion County. (BUILD 2½ meter PORTABLE OR MOBILE!!!) This in full cooperation with the state net to be set up. It is stressed by our State Coordinator, LeRoy Waggoner, and Nelson Trusler for Marion County that if the ham has not registered in the AEC he should do so at once. A registration of equipment hours, available and the location is important at the present time. Blanks at W.U. office and VanSickle & Radio Distributing Co. They stress again that at the present it is just a matter of time to set up the nets in such a way that we will not go off half shod. In Marion County it will be 2½ meters that will be needed the most. With that in mind it is up to us to concentrate our efforts in that direction. It is to be remembered when we do get authorization that it is not for the purpose of ragchewing but to keep organization so that we can fill the need of communications whenever that need should arise. Please bear this in mind at all times and conduct yourself accordingly.

MARRIED

The editor learned of the marriage of Helen Gott to Noble Burkhardt, W9QG, the day preceding the pitchin dinner at the club. The knowledge was gleaned by reading the Bison published by our SCM, Harry Miller, W9AB. The wedding had taken place a month ago.

The ed made up for this lapse of memory on Noble's part (in not reporting the news) by letting it be known to all in attendance that the couple were married with the idea of making them ride the rail. (I'm disappointed - they got off scot free and I didn't even get a se-gar)

NEWS

Even if Noble does forget that getting married is news, we have those who do turn in some news. In my possession is a card from Jack, W9DYN Mueller, who sent the card from the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, La. Jack had flown down there from Indianapolis with stops scheduled for Dallas and Kansas City. Many thanks Jack, that is news. (BUILD 2½ meter PORTABLE OR MOBILE)

DELAWARE CO. RADIO CLUB

The Delaware County Radio Club held a special meeting Sunday January 4th, with National Defense Communications the main topic. The state EC, W9YMV, attended and reports they have their local program pretty well lined up. (Fine business fellows, keep it up.) This meeting was held in Muncie.

RAMBLING

We wonder how many faces will be missing after that speech by Ensign Sayle at the club. Sounded pretty good. Subscriptions to QST at \$2.00 and Radio at \$1.75 have been sent in. Caskey will take subscriptions to Service and Communications at \$1.00 per for those wanting them. We wonder when YMV gets time to sleep. He is really doing a FB job on the AEC. (BUILD 2½ meter PORTABLE OR MOBILE) Bert Bucy had the misfortune of having his house ransacked while he was attending the Christmas party at club. Bert says they certainly left the house in an awful mess as well as making off with some valuable keepsakes.

How is Wired Wireless going to come out in Indianapolis?

We get a letter from W9AB that takes us swell up like a toad. Thanks Harry, we are glad someone reads our sheet. (Letter is posted on Bulletin Board)

Where is Norris Knowsall or (and we draw another breath) Junior?
(BUILD 2½ meter PORTABLE OR MOBILE)

Perhaps deserving a title of its own is the meeting of the state representatives of the various counties for the AEC. This meeting was held at the club rooms the 28th of December. The club was filled to its capacity. Discussion of means and methods to get local authorization for operation was the chief topic. (The E.C.C just phoned me that once a station has been authorized under the Defense Setup, any licensed amateur may operate). A full report of this was given by Waggoner at club. The full importance of this meeting was shown by the appearance of an Indianapolis News photographer whose picture has already appeared in that paper. At this meeting it was announced that Terre Haute was registered 200% with the A.E.C. That is the true ham cooperative spirit. Let's have the same thing here. (BUILD 2½ meter PORTABLE OR MOBILE).

The subject of Phone vs. CW was brought up and we think that the article contributed this month sums this argument up. This much is to be said, however, that where instant communication is essential the Phone is the way, but where a record must be made, then it is CW for its accuracy and speed as well as secrecy. Most of the state police traffic is by CW.

GIVE THE MAN A HAND

Few of us realize the tremendous effort which is being exerted in our behalf by the State Emergency Co-ordinator, L. T. Waggoner, W9YMV. Roy, who believes that any privileges which we hams regain in the future will be dependent to a great extent upon the manner in which the amateurs respond and conduct themselves in this emergency, has been working diligently, foregoing many hours of much needed sleep, in order that the organization of the AEC, in Indiana, may not lag.

There will, no doubt, be a few individuals who will not co-operate, and will feel slighted because their assigned tasks are not, in their estimation, befitting their position. To those, we should like to point out the fact that even a little job well done goes only to make up a glorious whole. Remember that the big wheels do not go round if the little wheels are missing, so regardless of the job, get in there and pitch.

Being Emergency Co-ordinator is at best a thankless job, and the only way in which we may in some manner relieve the burden of a brother ham who is working tirelessly in our behalf, is to assist in any capacity, no matter how small. Any effort put forth in that direction (BUILD 2½ meter PORTABLE OR MOBILE) is an effort to better the status of our radio as a whole, and is worthy of the best we have to offer.

Paul W. Nelson W9BHC.

CONTRIBUTED

We got a big husky chuckle the other afternoon during the state AEC meeting when the old phone-cw argument cropped up once more. This surprising that an argument as old as this one has never been settled, especially in view of the great amounts of time and effort which have been expended. Seemed like getting a man drown while two would-be rescuers discussed which of two ropes to throw out. In order that any

future altercation might have a better chance of success, here are a few rules we should like to see observed.

1. Have a code test. Those unable to readcode should be barred from the discussion, since CW is a foreign language to these.
2. Amateur Broadcaster's should be barred. The use of CW does not permit free display of personality and no doubt these individuals would have a biased opinion.
3. Tongue-tied or stammering individuals, as well as those having no arms, should also be disqualified.
4. Bar all strictly CW men. Even if phone was any good they wont admit it.
5. Bar all those who have not had BOTH phone and cw rigs on the air for at least one year during the time they have been licensed. These guys can't possibly know what they're talking about.
6. If there's anyone left to argue, we sure are due for a surprise.

ACCOMPANYING THIS ISSUE OF AMACHEWER YOU WILL FIND INFORMATION ON THE NAVY'S PROGRAM FOR RADIO MEN WHO DESIRE TO ENLIST IN THE NAVY RESERVE AND BE TRAINED FOR THE "RADAR" SCHOOL. IT SOUNDS PLENTY GOOD, EVEN TO THE MAN WHO HAS DEPENDENTS. WHAT SAY MEN???